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# Criticizes U.S. Policy With Cuba

The disaster recently suffered by Cuba through Hurricane Flora has greatly aggravated the Cuban emergency created by the economic war the United States has conducted against Cuba.

This economic war is immoral and inhuman. The U.S. has tried to starve Cuba into submission, not only by refusing to trade with her but trying to stop the trade of other countries.

I think a complete change of U.S. policy is imperative. The economic boycott should be discontinued immediately and negotiations should be started to restore normal diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Cuba.

IT IS TRUE that the American Red Cross offered immediate help after the hurricane and it was refused. But at the same time, stories were widespread in the U.S. press that the American had done the

work for the CIA and of Cuban refugees throwing Cuba into chaos.

Such headlines as "Exiles Hope Flora Blows Castro Away" (An Associated Press dispatch from Miami to Chicago's American, October 8) were in all the popular press.

The paper reported that Cuban exiles were saying, "The hurricane may accomplish what anti-Castro saboteurs had been risking their lives to do, ruin Cuba's principal crops and thus devastate her economy." Many "urged action."

IN VIEW of that, it was not surprising to read in the same paper on October 31 that Castro accused the CIA of "stepping up its activities against Cuba in the wake of the devastation of Hurricane Flora... murdering workers, landing weapons and infiltrators, hiring saboteurs and using postal packages to send dynamite and other explosives into Cuba."

No wonder Cubans would be suspicious of Red Cross aid from the United States.

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